

The White House Dining Room.

The Presidential state dinners are served in the White House dining-room, writes a correspondent. Here oceans of champagne, herds of fine beefs, thousands of turkeys, boatloads of terrapin and great lakes of ice cream have been swallowed year after year for the past half century or more. Jefferson was almost a bankrupt from his White House dinners. Jackson spent more than his salary, and not a President save, perhaps, Andrew Johnson, come out of the White House with anything more than he went in. Arthur's dinners have cost him a fortune, and each state dinner cost him from \$10 a plate upward. When it is remembered that each of these dinners have about forty guests at the table you will see that a state dinner costs at least \$500, and I am told that Mr. Arthur's ordinary meals, to which he always had several strangers, cost about \$5 a plate. There is always wine on the table, and this of a quality which adds materially to the table expenses. Last winter there were nine state dinners during the Congressional session, and every person of prominence in Washington sat down at the President's table. The usual dinner hour is 8 P. M., and the guests sit as late as 11 or later. While the dinner goes on the Marine band plays charming music in the vestibule, and the strains float in not too loud to interrupt conversation, but gently and pleasantly. Mr. Arthur's state dinners usually consisted of fourteen courses. He had one of the best cooks in the land, and it is said he had as fine table as the White House had ever known. Good wine, you know, tastes better out of a glass than in a cup, and the White House dishes are the finest. The china set in use is of Limoges ware, representing the different flowers and fauna of America. It cost \$15,000 and contains 500 pieces. The light of this dining room is from colored wax candles, in beautiful gold and silver candlesticks, and there are many mirrors set into its walls. Its guests often appear in regiments, and a state dinner at the White House is perhaps the finest sight in our social world.

Independence Day.

There is a wide spread belief among Americans that the Declaration of Independence was signed on the "Fourth of July." The writings of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, as well as the printed journal of the Continental Congress, bear out this idea, but a recent investigation by the chief librarian of the Boston public library shows that we have all along been laboring under a mistake. The declaration was read and agreed to on the 4th of July, but it was not signed. It was ordered to be authenticated and printed during the afternoon, and on the following day copies were sent all over the country. On the 19th it was resolved that the declaration be engrossed on parchment and signed by every member. On the 2d of August nearly all the members signed it. Thornton, of New Hampshire, did not sign until November 4th of that year, and McKean did not sign until 1781. Of course no one proposes to change our day of celebration. It is a fact that our independence was announced to the world on the 4th of July, and that is enough. The signing of the document was of less importance.

About Advertising.

Poster advertising, rock and fence painting, and flooding the mails with circulars and postal cards are some of the forms of advertising which disgust more people than they attract, and even when effective, are a very wasteful mode of reaching the public. In the selection of a proper medium many points of value might be taken into consideration by advertisers. Newspapers which are not respected and faithfully read are not good mediums for advertisers. Newspapers that are purchased to while away a half hour on street car or elevated railway, and are not carried home do not sell anybody's wares. Such papers are no better than circulars and almost as wasteful. The experience of enterprising and sagacious business men demonstrates that the best results attend advertising in home newspapers—those which go into families and are read by one after another in the home circle.—New York Newsdealer.

"No, papa, I do not want to marry yet. What I want is a man who does not drink, smoke, go out at night, gamble, beat over eat, etc. In short, a man who has no vices and who is always good." "My daughter," said Mr. Dunsbury, "you are but a stranger here; heaven is your home."

"If a man wants to own the earth, what does a woman want?" inquired Mr. Grap of his better half, after a little family matinee a few days ago. "Well, my dear," responded that lady in a gentle, smothering tone, "to own the man, I suppose."

"What do you think of my monstache?" asked a young man of his girl. "Oh, it reminds me of a Western frontier city," was the answer. "In what respect, pray?" "Because the survey is large enough, but the settlers are straggling!"

"Will you help me to press some leaves?" the maiden asked her lover. "If you will fasten them in your waist belt I'll see what I can do," he answered; and thus a popular method of pressing leaves was invented.

About the only time a man wishes he were a woman is when he has to give up his seat to a woman in a street car.

Ingenious Inventors.

Everyone seems to have woe and trials and tribulations, but none feel them more keenly than inventors, for as a class they are certainly treated very shabbily. They are the poets of mechanics, and like literary poets, are generally rewarded as cranks. This may account for the small share of attention they receive from the general public. There are but few famous inventors who are entitled to all the credit they get, because it is practically impossible to discover anything really new. They get their first ideas from what some one else has devised, or set themselves to work to accomplish the same thing by different means. The difference may be very slight, but it is only sufficient to entitle them to a patent they are written down among the inventors.

It is now claimed by the descendants of one of the old families of Rhode Island that Fitch stole the idea of the steamboat from one of their ancestors. They threaten to prove that he had a steamboat in actual operation on one of the rivers of that State nearly twenty years before Fitch began talking about such a thing. They also profess to be able to show that Fitch saw this boat and learned how it was operated.

The cotton gin and sewing-machine needle are held up as two instances of pure invention. Each was discovered by men of no special note as inventors. Eli Whitney was known only as a plain, practical sort of fellow who had a habit of suggesting improvements on everything he saw. Some of his suggestions were not good. He was perfectly familiar with the process of carding wool by hand. Ginning cotton, or separating the fiber from the seed, is but a modification of hand-carding wool or "chucking" day.

The sewing machine needle, with its eye in the point, had its prototype in the needle used from time immemorial for crochet work. Instead of an eye it has a hook at the point, which serves to carry the thread much in the same manner as the machine needle.

It is singularly true that the most practical and profitable inventions of the age are the simplest. The mechanic who seeks for a mystery is liable to die before he finds it, but the one who seeks for simplicity will probably be rewarded for his trouble unless he happens to find a monopoly of some kind squarely across his path.

Inventors, for at least those who devote themselves to the business of inventing, often make grave mistakes when it comes to selling their patents. They are always quite sure they have rock bottom claims, and have them so well guarded that no one can ever break through and steal the fortune without in easy grasp. They refuse fair offers, get the big head, puff themselves up and feel rich. Among the first things they know some one has patented a device for the same purpose without interfering with them in the least, or at most in such a way as to make it extremely difficult to stop it. This knocks the fortune, lets the wind out of the bag and the swollen head rapidly contracts to its normal size, if not less.

It is probably safe to say that one-half of those who secure really valuable patents never realize anything out of them, simply because they are willing to take a fair price when offered. An inventor cannot get rich on a patent for device than a good miner can on a patent for a claim. They must both be worked promptly or they are likely to be jumped, or have their value destroyed by other means.

A few years ago one of the machinists in a railroad shop down at Wellsville invented a nut lock. At that time there was a great demand for a device to keep the bolts that hold fishbars together from getting loose. This was an excellent device, and he saw in it a great fortune. He had no confidence in corporations, and refused to sell his patent to one of the leading companies for \$50,000 cash. He looked upon every man who spoke to him about it as an enemy, and cut the acquaintance of all his friends who had advised him to sell. He has the patent yet and will cheerfully take \$5 for it.

He says the reason he didn't take one of the many offers for it was that a fellow-workman got up a breakshop that was such a marked improvement over anything then in use that it took at sight. This man had confidence in everybody in general, and in the railroad company in particular. Under fair promise he sold a small undivided interest in his patent to the company he was working for, and they began to manufacture and sell. When he came up for a share of the profits he was informed that the patent was his, and he had no right to a share of their profits, but if he wanted, he might have a share of it and start a shop of his own. Having no capital, he couldn't do this, so he is still working in the shops at the same old salary.

The Cheapest Wives.

They were spinning yarns. One old man sat apart from the others and looked sad and forlorn, as if he never had thought of levity in all his life. "My wife has been one of the cheapest luxuries a man ever enjoyed," said one. "We have been married eighteen years, and she has cost me less than a thousand dollars at all." "Pooh!" said another. "I have been married nine years' and my wife's total expense have been scarcely three hundred dollars." The sad man drew a sigh and said, "Well, well, I was married forty years ago, boys, and from that day to this my wife has cost me only one hundred and nineteen dollars, and has had everything she needed too." "How in the world did you get through so cheap?" "The poor girl died the second week after I married her." The crowd spared his life because he was sad.

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